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SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

1957



To the Chairman and Members of the Saxmundham Urban  
District Council:

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report  
on the Health and Sanitary State of the District for the  
Year 1957.

I am, gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:-

	TOTAL	Male	Female
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate	12	7	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Birth Rate 9.0			
<u>Stillbirths</u>			1
<u>DEATHS.</u>	20	14	6
Death Rate 13.8			
Deaths from Puerperal Causes .....			None
Deaths of Infants under 1 year old .....			None
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old .....			None
Deaths from Cancer .....			2
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea, under 2 years old .....			None

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

An outbreak of Measles in the third Quarter of the year affected a large number of children. There were no deaths and few, if any, sequelae of the disease. Three cases of pneumonia occurred; of these one, a male, aged 73, was fatal. One case of pulmonary tuberculosis, a male, aged 50, was notified. There were no deaths from this disease.

### WATER SUPPLY:

Ample supplies of water of very good quality continue to be provided by the Blyth R.D.C. water supply.

### SEWERAGE:

The Blyth Rural District Council is sewerage part of the parish of Kelsale and the sewage is to be pumped for treatment at the Urban District Council's disposal works upon terms mutually agreed between the two Authorities.

The Sewage Works as existing is operated on the septic tank system and work is proceeding for converting into the settlement system and thus working the percolating filters with a higher rate of dosage (i.e. 70 gallons per cubic yard of filter). These works, which are estimated to cost £3,000, have been approved by the East Suffolk County Council and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. They consist of the provision of five sludge drying beds with a total capacity of 307 yards super (= 7 persons per yard), with the necessary desludging valves. The overflows from the tanks (which will allow for eight hours retention) are to be reconstructed in weir form.

## 1. HOUSING.

(a)	No. of Houses inspected .....	39
(b)	No. unsatisfactory .....	25
(c)	No. rendered fit:	
	(1) Informal .....	8
	(2) Formal - Public Health Acts .....	-
	(3) Formal - Housing Acts .....	2
(d)	No. of Demolition Orders secured .....	-
(e)	No. of dwellings included in Clearance Orders secured .....	-
(f)	No. demolished under (d) above .....	-
	No. demolished under (e) above .....	-
(g)	No. of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953) .....	3
(h)	No. cases of overcrowding known to exist at end of 1957 .....	-
(i)	No. cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .....	-
(j)	Total No. new houses erected:	
	(i) by Local Authority .....	8
	(ii) by private enterprise .....	1
(k)	No. of Improvement Grants approved during the year .....	5

## 2. FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Food Premises in the area, and type of business:

Grocers .....	7
Fishmongers .....	1
Bakers .....	2
Butchers .....	2
Snack Bars .....	1
Cafes .....	1
Greengrocers .....	2
Confectioners .....	6
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(a)	No. of premises inspected .....	5
(b)	No. of inspections made .....	29
(c)	No. found to be unsatisfactory .....	-
(d)	No. rendered satisfactory:	
	(1) Informally .....	1
	(2) Formally .....	-
(e)	No. of premises registered under Section 16, Food & Drugs Act, 1955:	
	(1) Ice Cream - Manufacture .....	-
	Storage or Sale only .....	5
	(2) Sausages, preserved food, etc .....	-
(f)	No. of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination .....	-
	No. of samples found to be unsatisfactory .....	-



(g)	No. of Dairies registered .....	1
(h)	No. of Milk Dealers Licences issued:	
(i)	Pasteurised .....	2
(ii)	Tuberculin Tested .....	2
(iii)	Sterilised .....	1
(i)	No. of licensed slaughter houses .....	2

### 3. FOOD INSPECTION.

(a) Meat Inspected:

Is 100% inspection being carried out: Yes

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	255	-	32	338	393	-
Number inspected	255	-	32	338	393	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	1	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci.	4%	-	-	.3%	.25%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.17%	-	-	-	1.78%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Hydatid cysts, liver fluke, parasitic, peritonitis, abscesses.

13 lb.	10 ozs.	tinned meat.	12 ozs.	tinned milk.
2 lb.	2 ozs.	tinned fish.	33 lb.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. tinned fruit.
11 lb.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.	tinned vegetables.		

Other Foods : Refuse Tip.

No. of site licences .....	-
No. of Individual Licences .....	-
No. of Inspections during the year	
(a) Sites .....	-
(b) Dwellings .....	-
No. of contraventions remedied .....	-

No: of premises treated:	(a) Dwelling houses	25
	(b) Other premises	5
Number of premises inspected		481
Rat infestation :	Major	15
	Minor	55
Mice only		4
No: treated		74
No: of block treatments		18

No: of premises disinfected	.....	-
No: of premises disinfested	.....	-

Frequency of collection .....	Weekly
Method of disposal .....	Refuse tip.
Is night soil collection undertaken? .....	No.
Is cesspool emptying undertaken? .....	No.

No: of water samples taken for:	
Bacteriological examination .....	9
Chemical examination .....	1
Nitrates .....	-
Mineral examination .....	1
Iron content .....	3

Drainage, etc.

No: of new sewer connections made ..... 10  
No: of conversions to W.C. (Public Health Act, 1936,  
Section 47) ..... -

5. SHOPS ACT, 1950 (Section 38).

Number of shops inspected ..... 5  
Contravention found ..... -  
Contravention remedied ..... 1